

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 595

House of Representatives, March 5, 2009

### **An Act To Provide for the Certification of Teachers in a Critical Teacher Shortage Area**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, DAVIS of Sangerville, Senator:  
SMITH of Piscataquis.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011, sub-§11 is enacted to read:**

3 **11. Critical teacher shortage need certificate; renewal.** The state board shall  
4 adopt rules that establish criteria under which a critical teacher shortage need certificate  
5 may be issued. This need certificate may be issued only to a person holding a bachelor's  
6 degree and teaching in a critical teacher shortage area. A critical teacher shortage need is  
7 determined by the superintendent when a shortage of teachers in the school administrative  
8 unit meets the critical teacher shortage criteria established in rules adopted by the state  
9 board. The superintendent may issue this certificate for a period not to exceed one year.  
10 If the superintendent determines that a critical teacher shortage need continues to exist in  
11 the school administrative unit after the expiration of the certificate, the superintendent  
12 may certify the teacher for an indefinite period of time based on a positive  
13 recommendation from a peer review team of teachers within the school administrative  
14 unit. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules in accordance  
15 with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill provides that a superintendent may certify a teacher for a period not to  
18 exceed one year when there is a critical teacher shortage need in the school administrative  
19 unit that meets criteria established by rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The  
20 critical teacher shortage need certificate may be renewed by the superintendent if the  
21 superintendent determines that the critical teacher shortage need in the school  
22 administrative unit still exists after the expiration of the certificate and upon a positive  
23 recommendation of the teacher from a peer review team of teachers within the school  
24 administrative unit.